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THE FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS

The appointment by President Roosevelt of William Spry as United States marshal to succeed Ben B. Heywood had the effect of a bombshell among the anti-Mormon curbstome politicians and their organ, the Salt Lake Tribune. The aforesaid curbstome politicians held little meetings here and there and breathed slaughter and utter destruction to the president because their man, Ben, had been let out and a Mormon, the only Mormon in forty years, had been appointed United States marshal for Utah. It was, they said, an unpardonable outrage. They would not stand it, they would appeal to Granny Burrows over in Washington and Freddy Dubois and have the consummation of the outrage stopped. They knew that the senate would not confirm the appointment if Burrows and Dubois told them not to do so. The organ of the malcontents and the malcontents themselves have averred time and again that they had no objection to Senator Smoot because he is a Mormon. It was only because he held a high office in the Mormon church. Why do they object to Mr. Spry? He holds no office and never held any office in the church to which he belongs. He is simply a common or garden Mormon that's all. The chief objection of those people to Spry is that he is a Mormon. There is, however, another reason why the Tribune and the gang it represents didn't want Mr. Spry appointed. It shows that the Utah senators are not without influence in Washington and it shows that the Tribune and its gang are not only absolutely without influence at the capital, but confirms what most people knew before that ex-Senator Kearns is dispised by President Roosevelt and the older and most influential members of the senate. That's what hurts the Tribune. The appointment of Mr. Spry does not as the Tribune would have us believe, weaken Senator Smoot, on the contrary, it strengthens his case.

As a matter of fact Senator Burrows called on President Roosevelt and protested against the appointment of Mr. Spry, when he knew the Utah

senators had decided to recommend him and before the president had sent in his name, Mr. Burrows received no comfort from the president. In effect he was told to mind his own business and leave Utah's affairs to Utah's representatives in congress. That's why Burrows and Dubois said they would not oppose the confirmation of Mr. Spry. What a meddlesome old granny Burrows is!

And why shouldn't Spry be United States marshal. He has all the qualifications necessary for the place, and from a political standpoint he has more claims to recognition than most members of the party. For many years in fair weather and foul he stuck to the Republican party. Even the silver craze, when 95 per cent of the Republicans of half a dozen of these western states voted the Democratic national ticket, did not touch Spry. On the contrary, he was a leader of what were then called the McKinley Republicans and was chairman of the straight Republican convention in the silver craze year. He was a member of the legislature and an ardent Republican worker. In the presidential election of 1904 Mr. Spry accepted the state chairman of his party when few men would take it because the Republican outlook in this state at that time was not overbright. There was the Tribune fighting the party. There were Federal officeholders like United States Marshal Heywood and United States District Attorney Lippman fighting the party which was giving them bread and butter and which common decency would have compelled them to support. Spry was there, however, and, against unusual difficulties under his chairmanship the state was carried for the Republicans. United States Marshal Heywood was one of the most active of the bolters, worked against the Republican party and helped to endanger that party losing to the Democrats. What earthly reason has he and his friends to expect that a party he fought openly and virulently should retain him in office? He was, on the contrary, exceedingly

lucky to have been allowed to serve till the end of the term for which he was appointed.

Both Chief Justice Bartch and Justice McCarty refused to endorse Mr. Spry for United States marshal. Both said they favored the retention of Mr. Heywood, the bolter, although both were elected as straight Republicans.

There will be more weeping and gnashing of teeth in the Tribune office before long. A register and a receiver of the land office will be appointed very soon. They will both be Gentiles, but not of the Tribune brand, and woe of woes Colonel Nelson will lose the Federal office of statistician he has held from a time to which the memory of man runneth not. Colonel Tatlock will be his successor. The Tribune doesn't like Tatlock the least little bit. Then Joey Lippman's turn will come in a few months when probably H. E. Booth or Benner X. Smith will step into the office of United States district attorney.

As far as known only two sub-penaes for witnesses to give further testimony against Senator Smoot have been heard of. One is for Frederick Y. Smith, a leader in the Josephite branch of the Mormon church and the other for Professor Wolfe who has been in the public eye for a few weeks as a "reformed Mormon."

A good selection was made a few days ago when Wm. M. McCrea was chosen as secretary of the Republican State committee. Mr. McCrea is a well known young lawyer of ability, and takes a great interest in matters political. He was a member of the legislature which was in session a year ago, and made a very good record.

The appointment of Postmaster Thomas for another term in the Salt Lake postoffice has given general satisfaction among the business men here and the general public. Mr. Thomas has made a most excellent record as postmaster, and inaugurated many improvements in the service, not only in the city, but in the county where free rural delivery now obtains. The re-appointment of Mr. Thomas was at the instance of Senator Sutherland, custom giving the right to the senator

to name the postmaster in his home town. Mr. Thomas also had the endorsement of Senator Smoot and Congressman Howell.

Truth is pleased to be able to say a good word for Ben Heywood, the retiring United States marshal. We believe he did his duty fully and honestly. In politics he acted unwisely at times, but taken all in all Ben is a good, big-hearted fellow, and leaves the office with the best wishes of Truth and many others of those who were against him in his political ways.

There yet remains to be appointed a United States attorney to succeed Joseph Lippman, whose term expires soon, also the register and the receiver of the United States land office. It is pretty well understood that H. E. Booth or Benner X. Smith will step into Joseph Lippman's shoes. For register of the land office the candidates are Mr. Hobbs, the present incumbent, and E. D. R. Thompson. The receiver, Geo. A. Smith, is not a candidate for reappointment. There are several applicants for the place. It is not yet known on whom the choice will fall.

The new daily paper, the Intermountain Republican, is expected to make its first appearance on February 12. In the mean time a corps of solicitors are out getting subscribers. They have passed the 4,000 mark now, and by the time the first issue appears they will have at least 6,000, a very respectable number to start out with. The paper is to be congratulated on securing Mr. Joseph Jenkins as its mining reporter and Mr. A. G. MacKenzie as city editor. Both are well known here, thorough newspaper men, and will add prestige to the paper.

The dream of the Americans is to capture Salt Lake county next fall, carry Weber and Summit counties and a few less important counties down south. They are also dreaming of getting control of the state committee, in which case the Tribune would wheel into line as a straight Republican paper and Tom Kearns would be the political boss of the state. How do you like the picture, you Gentiles who fought so hard to smash and did smash the Kearns machine two or three years ago?